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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Brian M. Adams et al.

Serial No. 09/375,164

Filed: August 16, 1999

For: **SPILL-REDUCTION CAP FOR
FLUID CONTAINER**



Examiner: **Stephen K. Cronin**

Art Unit: **3727**

Docket No.: **RI-61182/RBC/VEJ**

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to Office Action of July 7, 2000, Applicants submit the following
Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 18, 22, and 24-26 as follows. All pending claims, whether
or not amended, are presented below for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Once Amended) A cap for use with a container neck having external
means for detachably engaging said cap, said cap being
shaped to fit over said neck and comprising

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